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American Red Cross Roll Call Proceeds; Workers Very Busy

The annual canvass for memberships and contributions for the American Red Cross in the annual roll call has been actively under way in town since Armistice Day and will continue through Thanksgiving Day the 30th. Some sections of the town have been completely covered by members of the committee and this coming week will end the canvass. Mr. Fitt as chairman of the local roll call is hopeful that the total receipts will equal if not exceed the amount received last year. Those who contributed last year as "contributing members" are making their usual responses and some of our folks down in the sunny south have sent in their memberships, the first of which came from Mr. and Mrs. Coburn in Orlando.

Workers on the local committee, whose names did not appear in the previous list are Mrs. Kenneth Leach, for Northfield Farms district; Sam E. Walker, West Northfield district, and Mrs. A. H. Farnum, also district in West Northfield.

Just as soon as the workers have sent in their complete returns, the names and amounts will be checked and publicity given to the total figures.

'Twas Ladies' Night Brotherhood Banquet

Over a hundred members and guests sat down together for the annual Ladies' night of the Northfield Brotherhood banquet held in the vestry of the Congregational church Tuesday evening. Turkey with fixin's, decorations appropriate to Thanksgiving, and wistful waitresses added to the attractiveness of the program.

Prof. Brewer Whitmore of the Smith college faculty, the department of government, addressed the gathering on "Some Aspects of Our National Government." He was introduced by President Dan Bodley, who presided. The only matter of business was the election of Mr. Hodgden of Mount Hermon as secretary of the Brotherhood.

The banquet was served under the direction of Lewis Wood. The waitresses were Barbara Harris, Mary and June Bolton, Sybil Severance, Ellen Giebel, Betty Jean Purington, Marie Young, Helen Savcheff, Lillian Dawe, Dorothy Marshall, Helen Durgin, Katherine Johnson and Genevieve Eastman.

Prof. Whitmore, who is an alumnus of Mount Hermon and was once assistant to Prof. Copeland of Harvard, began his address by pointing out four main accomplishments of our democratic form of government. First, is the appropriate limitation of political power with a fair balance between the various parts of the government. Second, the assimilation of alien peoples, though not yet complete, is an achievement of great magnitude. Third is religious toleration, and fourth, universal suffrage, which started in a much more modified form.

Miss Ada Bennett Summer Resident Dies

Miss Ada G. Bennett of Bridgeport, Ct., a summer resident of this town, with a cottage on Rustic Ridge, died suddenly at the Bridgeport hospital last Friday, Nov. 17. She was a teacher in the schools for 33 years and principal of the Nathan Hale school since 1932.

Miss Bennett was born in Bridgeport 54 years ago, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett. She was graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1903 and the City Normal School in 1905. She joined the staff at Waterville school in 1906. Miss Bennett had a B. S. degree from New York university.

Miss Bennett was a member of the First Baptist church, and the Bridgeport Teachers' association.

Miss Bennett has visited here for many years and had many friends. She bought "Rock Haven" cottage for her summer home in 1927. She loved Northfield and was active in the affairs of the summer colony and supported fully the various summer conferences.

Surviving Miss Bennett are cousins in Derby, Branford, New Britain and Farmington, Me. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon in the Bishop chapel and burial was in family plot in Mountain Grove cemetery in Bridgeport. Rev. J. Melvin Prior of the First Baptist church, officiated.

Fortnightly Hears Of Community Work; Plans Next Meeting

On Friday, Dec. 1, William H. Legard, instructor of English at Mount Hermon, will speak to the members of the Fortnightly on "The Contemporary Theatre," with a discussion of current plays. He will discuss the various types of productions—the drawing-room comedies, the streamline farces, the experimental plays and the recent Shakespearean productions which have appeared during the last three or four seasons.

The tea hostesses for this meeting will be Mrs. Lazelle, Mrs. Deming and Mrs. Bodley.

Mr. E. D. Ward spoke to a large audience at the Fortnightly meeting of Nov. 17. He gave a most interesting account of the work being done at the Community Center in Lebanon, N. H., particularly stressing the fact that when boys and girls have a legitimate outlet for their energies and can organize projects in which they are interested, on their own initiative, there are fewer problem children and less crime.

The activities in Lebanon include work in the gymnasium for the younger and older groups; a checker club for old men; art classes; social gatherings; discussion groups. Existing organizations in the town hold their meetings in the Center during the winter months and so avoid the extra expense of heating their own headquarters. Although the building was the gift of one man who also endowed it, the town of Lebanon raises the money to meet any deficits. There is a paid director who in turn engages teachers and leaders as he needs them. The director aims to bring out leadership qualities in young people and encourages them to use their abilities in constructive ways.

Tea, presided over by Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Tomkins, followed the talk.

During the business meeting a motion was carried to name a committee to confer with the state and selectmen relative to the planting, next spring, of elms and maples to take the place of those fallen in the hurricane.

Mrs. Goodspeed appointed the following committee to act in this capacity: Mrs. Mary Andrews Connor, chairman, Mrs. T. H. Parker and Mrs. C. C. Stearns.

President's Birthday Will Be Observed

The Press has been informed by Keith Morgan, chairman of the committee for the observance of the President's birthday, that again plans will be made, with the approval of the President to hold observances in order to raise further funds for the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. Northfield, as in former years, will be included in the campaign and invitations to co-operate will be sent to former members of the local committee. Last year only a few towns in the county held individual affairs, but all united in the big ball in the armory at Greenfield. P. A. O'Connell of Boston has accepted the chairmanship of the Massachusetts committee. As soon as notices are received the Northfield committee will meet to consider the matter and make its announcement.

Saturday Afternoons With The Children

Entertainment for boys and girls ten years old, or younger, will be provided Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25 at the town hall.

During the winter months weekly programs will be conducted from 2:30 to 3:30 on Saturday afternoons in the town hall game room on the ground floor. The fun will be led by a group of Seminary students and faculty members. The larger the number of children, the better the fun!

Noted Author Here

Dr. Kirby Page, author and lecturer on world affairs, addressed the first meeting of the minister's seminar at Northfield seminary Monday morning on the subject, "Can the Evil of Hitlerism be Destroyed by War?" Dr. Page is one of the leading advocates of peace in this country. He was formerly editor of the magazine "The World Tomorrow" and associate editor of "The Christian Century."

A minor auto collision was witnessed by several last Saturday evening in front of the Northfield post office when two sedans came unexpectedly together. Neither was badly damaged. It's a dangerous corner.

The Allen Wrights Held "Open House" On Anniversary

A brilliantly lighted house, the calling of a large circle of friends, a cheery greeting to all and the serving of refreshments by a group of hostesses, marked the observance of the 30th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright at their home on Main street last Saturday evening.

They were married Nov. 18, 1909 in St. Paul's Episcopal church in Waterloo, N. Y. where Mrs. Wright was a teacher in the public schools and the Doctor was just beginning his medical practice. After a short residence in New York state, they came to Massachusetts and located near North Adams and then moved to Wilmington, Vt., where the Doctor built up a large practice and became active in the public life of the community. Realizing that a medical opportunity existed here, they came to Northfield about 14 years ago and purchased the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Lucius Mason which became their residence and the office of the Doctor. This home was totally destroyed by fire some two years ago and the present home was built, which became at once, one of the most attractive and modern houses in the town. During the years Dr. and Mrs. Wright have entered into many of the activities of the town, including its political and social affairs.

He has served as a trustee of the library, and has been the local school physician for many years. He is president of the Athletic Association, and is National Medical Adviser of the Youth Hostel. For years he has been identified with the Franklin county hospital and the Farren Memorial hospital on its medical staffs.

Mrs. Wright has been particularly active in the Eastern Star and the Fortnightly club of which she served as its president. Together they have been interested in the work of other local organizations.

Both Doctor and Mrs. Wright are honored and esteemed by many friends and the relationships formed provide a lasting friendship through the years. The "Press" unites with their friends in wishing them many years of health and happiness together.

The couple have two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence White of Boston, and Miss June Wright, a teacher in Lexington; and a grandson, Allen Russell White.

Famous Americans On New Postage Stamps

The post office department at Washington has announced the list of famous Americans who will be pictured on the new series of postage stamps which will soon be forthcoming.

In the list printed in the "Rural Carrier" a copy of which has been given us by Henry Johnson, one of our local rural carriers, the list is divided by states and to Massachusetts is credited twelve of the numbers, leading all other states. The list includes:

John Greenleaf Whittier, poet; Charles W. Eliot, educator; James Russell Lowell, poet; Henry W. Longfellow, poet; Elias Howe, inventor; Louisa M. Alcott, author; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor; Ralph Waldo Emerson, author; Horace Mann, educator; James A. McNeill, whistler, artist; Daniel Chester French, artist; Mark Hopkins, educator. The design and color of the stamps and their denomination will be announced later.

Mr. Johnson has suggested to the editor that some effort ought to have been made to include D. L. Moody in the list. Certainly his fame as an educator and evangelist is world-wide and he deserves a niche in the hall of history.

Northfield Grange

At the meeting of the Grange to be held next Tuesday evening, Elliott V. Fleckles of Mount Hermon school will speak of his trip through Nova Scotia last summer, when he studied the activities of the co-operative associations. The meeting will be open to the public.

On the evening of Dec. 12 the Grange will hold a neighbors night and the Grange members of Williamsburg, Leverett and Belcher-town have been invited.

Order of Eastern Star

Northfield chapter, O. E. S., will meet in Masonic hall, Monday evening, Nov. 27. Business meeting at 7:45, followed by the conferring of the degrees. Music will be furnished by a mixed quartet from Bingham chapter, Brattleboro, Vt.

THANK GOD, WE'RE AMERICANS!



Local Folks Injured In Bad Auto Accident On Mt. Tom Road

While on their way home to Northfield Wednesday at midnight, a car said by police to have been driven by Strand Mikkelsen, noted skier of Greenfield, with a companion, crashed into the rear end of the automobile of Deputy Sheriff Martin E. Vorce on the Mt. Tom highway. In the Vorce car besides Mr. Vorce, who suffered severe lacerations of his hand, a cut on the nose, and a possible fractured rib, were Mrs. Mildred Addison, his daughter, who suffered a head injury and was taken to the Northampton hospital, her daughter Barbara, who sustained abrasions of the left knee and Edmund Brassor, who also suffered abrasions.

Mikkelsen and his companion were riding alone in their car, and struck the rear of the Vorce car with considerable force. Mikkelsen was also taken to the hospital with injuries to his knees. His companion was not injured.

As we go to press, we learn that the injured are improving, and that the accident is being fully investigated.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson Go To Moscow, Russia

Word reached Northfield the first of the week that Charles E. Dickerson, who is attached to the United States Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, has been transferred to the Embassy in Moscow, Russia. The order is effective immediately and Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson will make their home in the new location after several years of a delightful experience in the Swedish country.

Mrs. Dickerson is the former Connie Moody, daughter of the late William R. and Mrs. Moody, and Mr. Dickerson is the son of the former Principal of Northfield Seminary, the late Charles E. Dickerson and Mrs. Dickerson who now is residing in Philadelphia.

George L. Scott

George L. Scott, age 79, a former resident of Winchester, N. H., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sidney P. Tyler on Warwick avenue, last Sunday evening. He had been in ill health during the past year and with his wife had made his home here since leaving his farm a year ago on the old Westport road. He was also a former rural mail carrier in that district.

Mr. Scott was born in Windsor, Canada, April 12, 1860, the son of Lucius and Sylvia Scott. He married Annie H. Hinds of Richmond, June 24, 1884.

His survivors include his wife and four children, Winfield L. Scott of Deland, Fla., Mrs. Fred M. Harder of New Bedford, Mrs. Tyler of Northfield and Raymond Scott of Winchester, N. H.

Funeral services were held in O'Connor's funeral home in Winchester on Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Harold E. Mayo of the Federated church officiating. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows and son, Richard, of Winchester road spent last week-end with relatives in Lebanon, N. H. on Saturday Mr. Barrows attended the Cornell-Dartmouth football game.

Handwriting On Wall 'Flaming Again Today'

Dean-Emeritus Charles R. Brown of the Yale Divinity school addressed the chapel exercises at Mount Hermon school last Sunday. He spoke on "The Handwriting on the Wall" at the morning session, quoting the familiar story from the Old Testament from memory, as is Dr. Brown's custom.

The speaker drew a parallel between the self-indulgent life of King Belshazzar and his court in ancient babilon and the lack of a disciplined life of many today. "I wonder," said Dr. Brown, "if the reason for our failing to meet the present-day emergency of civilization isn't that people have failed to gird themselves with the spiritual powers that come only from God."

"The fatal words, weighed, wanting, numbered and finished, are being written on the wall in flaming forms today," the speaker went on to say. "The soothsayers were unable to fathom the import of the writing for the Babylonian king. Can we read the signs any better? Do we realize that spiritual crisis can be met only with spiritual resources? Only a God-centered life for individuals and for nations can make life worth living."

Carlton L'Hommiedieu gave an organ recital at the close of the vesper service.

Nellie B. Laird

The body of Mrs. Nellie B. Laird, a former resident of this town, who died at the home of her son, Leonard B. Laird in Wellesley Hills, early last week, was brought to Northfield last week Thursday for burial in the family plot in the Center cemetery. Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiated here, at the funeral service. Mrs. Laird came to Northfield from Des Moines, Iowa in 1910 and built the fine home on Warfarnaker road, which she sold two years ago to Miss Irvine of New York City. Later Mrs. Laird has resided in Greenfield and in Northampton. She was 75 years of age and had been very ill for the past six months.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Norman M. Martin of Portland, Maine, and Mrs. Harry C. Smyers of Troutville, Pa., and Leonard B. Laird of Wellesley Hills. A daughter, Doris, died five years ago and is buried here.

Mrs. Laird was deeply interested in her church work and especially the summer conferences held here each year. She was of a noble character and had strong religious convictions. Those who knew her, loved and esteemed her friendship.

Minister's Seminar

Dr. Albert W. Beaven will lead the minister's seminar to be held in Phillips Hall on the Northfield Seminary campus at 10 o'clock next Monday morning. Ministers from all Franklin county and nearby churches attend these seminars which are usually held once a month in Music Hall. Due to the fact that two very noted religious men, Dr. Kirby Page and Dr. Beaven, were to speak in Northfield this month, two seminars were scheduled. Over 50 ministers and laymen attended the meeting with Dr. Page last Monday morning.

Tax Federation Speaker Is Governor Stassen; Meeting In Boston

Harold E. Stassen, Governor of Minnesota, who has won national recognition for his sweeping reorganization of the Minnesota state government, will be the principal speaker at the eighth annual meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Associations, which will be held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Dec. 16. Governor Leverett Saltonstall will deliver the other principal address.

Stassen assumed the office of governor last January after a spectacular career as county prosecutor. Taking over a state government which lagged in administrative procedure, Stassen quickly put through the legislature a program of reorganization.

Civil service, in which Massachusetts pioneered a half century ago, was provided for state employees to end the political spoils system.

At the same time, Stassen reorganized the state's administrative affairs to put Minnesota among leaders in the nation in state administrative reform. Norman MacDonald, executive director of the Federation, reported on returning from a western trip.

"Under the new Minnesota procedure, the state's business and financial affairs are supervised by a commissioner of administration, a man who is appointed by the



governor and whose powers are largely those of a 'business manager' for the state" MacDonald explained.

"Every three months," he continued, "the expenditures of state departments must be approved by the business manager. If receipts are falling, the business manager has power to cut expenditures. The amount the legislature appropriates thus stands as a maximum that can be spent."

"With revision of budget procedure went a consolidation of some of the state's 64 boards, bureaus, departments and agencies, and a reduction of more than \$5,000,000 in state expenditures for 1939-40."

Born of pioneer stock of Scandinavian, German and Czech descent, Governor Stassen was raised on a farm, graduated from high school when he was 15, and began the practice of law at 21.

Governor Vanderbilt of Rhode Island recently declared: "You're going to hear more of that fellow." He will spend the week from the 9th to the 16th in New England, studying government procedure and the promotion of regional development.

Candlelight Service Panned At Schools

The annual candlelight service is being arranged to be held at Mount Hermon school chapel on Sunday, Dec. 10. These services were inaugurated in 1933 and have been held every year since except in 1936, when an epidemic prevailed among the students. The traditional service is held also at Sage chapel by the Seminary and the Estey chorus of the Seminary and are participants. Mr. Gallagher is now engaged in the preparation of the program and it is said that the anthems selected for this year will include the following:

"Dost Thou the Prophet," an old French piece, three bell songs which are "Ho All Good Folk," arranged by Mr. Gallagher, "Carillon" by Cain, and "Cornish Bells," an English selection, "A Lullaby on Christmas Eve," "Angels O'er the Fields are Flying," another of French origin, and two choruses from Handels Messiah, "For Unto Us" and "And the Glory of the Lord."

Both services will be open to the public and they will be privileged to unite in the singing of several hymns.

Prep School Meeting At Northfield Hotel Week-end of Dec. 1

A large attendance is expected at the conference of Preparatory school representatives at the Northfield hotel, the week-end of Dec. 1. A planning committee consisting of John Page Williams of Groton, A. Graham Baldwin of Andover, Harold B. Ingalls of Northfield Seminary, and David Scott as secretary has the affair in hand and will present a most interesting program for the three days. The sessions beginning on Friday will be complete for each day and Saturday afternoon will be left free for recreation and sports.

For years boys and masters from New England's leading preparatory schools have met in Northfield and listened to most important messages from leading educators and practical men of experience. Then again the fellowship of the delegates have proved most inspiring and helpful in a common interest.

The speakers this year come from over the seas. The Rev. Arnold Nash, who will deliver the main series of addresses, is a visiting English lecturer at Berkeley Divinity school. Of him Dr. Walter Horton of Oberlin writes, "His social convictions spring out of deep religious and even theological convictions, and deep loyalty to the Christian church and cause. He is delightful to meet and gifted as a conversationalist. Students will flock around him."

Another speaker will be Dr. Conrad Hoffman, a leading authority on the present international refugee situation. Throughout the last war, Dr. Hoffman remained in Germany as a YMCA secretary in prison camps. Following the peace, he served on commissions to readjust minority questions. Recently returned from Europe, as Director of the International Missionary Council, he is bending his efforts to solve this appalling refugee problem which war headlines crowd off the front page.

Other speakers will be members of the faculty from the various schools as well as from the students. There will be round table discussions, talks and conferences. The delegation will no doubt visit the Seminary and Mount Hermon. Manager Moody of the hotel will see that the delegates are given a good welcome and royally entertained.

The Athletic Record At Mount Hermon School

The best record in six years was established at Mount Hermon school in this fall's three varsity sports, according to Head Coach Axel B. Forslund, who has announced that eight victories, one tie, and three losses complete the record.

The cross country team continued unvanquished for the fourth successive year, winning all four meets during the 1939 season with ease. Two winnings were scored against the freshmen from Amherst and Williams. Dr. Frank Bayley, former champion runner at Dickinson College, and Fred McVeigh, recent varsity man at Williams, were the coaches for cross country.

The soccer team scored two victories, one against the Amherst freshmen and the other against Williston. It lost only to Deerfield whose championship teams have ruled the Connecticut Valley for the past several years. Axel Forslund, formerly of Springfield College coached the soccer teams.

The football varsity chalked up two victories and two losses. The team won against the Mass. State freshmen, lost to the strong Willbraham and Vermont academy teams, then closed the season last Saturday with a 6-0 victory over Mount Hermon's traditional chief rival, Williston. Thor Henriksen and Harlan Baxter coached.

Seminary - Hermon Sunday Speakers

Dr. Albert W. Beaven, noted president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity school, will give addresses at each of the Northfield schools on Sunday, Nov. 26. Dr. Beaven will speak at Mount Hermon Memorial chapel during the 10:30 a. m. worship service, and he will lead the 5 o'clock vesper service at Sage chapel.

The pastor of the Second Congregational church in Holyoke, Dr. Albert J. Penner, will address the girls of Northfield Seminary at the 11 o'clock service. A Communion service will be observed at Mount Hermon vespers with Dr. Glover Johnson of the Bible department officiating.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richards of Main street left for St. Petersburg, Florida this week to spend the winter.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular and well attended meeting at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening. It was the annual meeting.

Rev. Philip Phelps, who has been staying at his cottage on Rustic Ridge, this season, is the last summer visitor to depart and left on Monday to spend the winter with friends in Neshanic, N. J.

Printed matter concerning the United States Marine Corps has been distributed through the local post offices in Northfield. Enlistments are invited in this most attractive service although the standard set for enlistment is high. The Marines are "the soldiers of the sea."

Mrs. Loring D. Chase, a summer resident of this town and of Ledyard, Ct., was the matron of honor at the wedding of her sister, Miss Margherita Marie Cosenza of Rockville Centre, L. I. to Joseph James Delfausse in the Congregational church of that town by Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, on Saturday, Nov. 18. The bride is a graduate of Middlebury college and the Katherine Gibbs school and her husband is a graduate of the University of Vermont.

Rev. W. Stanley Carne of the Congregational church is giving a series of talks on "Prophecy" at the Sunday evening services at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cobb are entertaining his father, who resides in Maine, at their home on Highland avenue.

Miss Dorothy Marcy is on a visit with her relatives in Concord, N. H., where she will spend some time.

Several orders have already been sent to Spurgeon Gage from local residents for some of his fresh tree-ripened fruit of oranges and grapefruit.

Harold F. Bigelow and Brainard Willey are hauling out from the woods and property of summer residents some very fine logs, which they will have converted into lumber.

Miss Lydia R. Speakman of Winchester road has returned from a three weeks' absence during which she visited friends in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Smith and Miss Virginia T. Smith have closed their homes here and left for Florida, where they will spend the winter at Orlando.

Quite a number of our townsfolk especially a group from South Vernon attended the turkey supper at Hinsdale last week Thursday.

Groups of young people are attending this week the special services at the Goodale Memorial church in Bernardston which are being conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Dibble, evangelists.

Mrs. John D. Nutting of Northfield attended a regional meeting of Mount Holyoke alumnae in Chicago last Saturday. Alumnae from fourteen mid-western states were in attendance and the program stressed the importance of the college situation.



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Miss Ruth E. Field, who is attending the Stoneleigh Prospect school in Greenfield spent the last week-end at her home here.

Morgan Memorial has opened another of its Goodwill stores on Flatstreet in Brattleboro. The store in Greenfield is located on School street.

Mrs. Lester A. Polhemus closed her home on Highland avenue on Wednesday and left for Boston, to join Mr. Polhemus, who has been ill at the Baker Memorial hospital, and together they will go to Miami, Fla., to spend the winter. Their son, Roger, will board at the home of Miss Georgie Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Danforth spent last week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Morgan. Mr. Danforth is in the U. S. Navy, stationed at the Charlestown Navy Yard and attached to the destroyer Trippe.

Miss Marian Dunham, Miss Edna Grodman, Miss Faith Owers, Peaselee Bond and David Elkinton, cycled to South Vernon Tuesday night to attend a schoolhouse social. With Miss Owers at the piano, two couples went through the steps of four folk dances. Mr. Elkinton showed a reel of colored movies depicting hostel modes of travel, and picturing some of the adventures of the pioneer AYH sponsored group which enjoyed "roughing it" in Mexico this past summer.

Miss Perry Graham, Miss Marian Kumin, and Miss Helen Conley were in Boston last Saturday, Miss Conley to keep speaking dates at the Winchester Methodist church, and Miss Graham and Miss Kumin to visit friends.

Miss Margaret Dean and Fritz Kaufhold of the hostel travel department, greeted on Tuesday Mr. Vaughn, Canadian National Railways representative, who was in Northfield.

The monthly Bible conference was held at the Goodale church in Bernardston on Wednesday and attended by a large delegation from this town.

The local teachers' club held a social meeting at No. 4 schoolhouse at Northfield Farms on Monday evening. The hostesses were Miss Clark, Miss Kremen and Miss Totman.

There was a well-attended dance on Thursday evening in the Grange Hall when Richottes orchestra furnished the music.

Don't forget the play, "Dawn in the West" in the vestry of the Congregational church this Friday evening when an offering will be taken for Chinese refugees. The public are invited.

Rev. Wayne H. Bowers who has spent 15 years in Spain, spoke in chapel to the Seminary students on Tuesday morning on his experiences in that country.

Miss June Wright, who is teaching at Lexington, came home to attend the open house and wedding anniversary of her parents, last week-end.

Miss Euphrasia Purrington was elected a member of the County Business and Professional Women's club at its regular meeting in Greenfield this week.

Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge of Highland avenue who has been visiting in Springfield, leaves this week to spend the winter in Dade City, Fla.

Mrs. Helen Black who has been quite ill for some time is now convalescing. Friends recently sent her a sunshine box.

The Seniors of the high school netted the sum of \$150 from their recent play, "Little Women," given in town hall. The amount will be added to the Washington trip fund.

Miss Erma Reynolds has been appointed delegate from Northfield Seminary to the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary schools and will attend the annual meeting at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Dec. 8 and 9. Miss Wilson will also attend the meeting.

On Thursday, Miss Anna Wollmann of the Mt. Holyoke college department of music, who gives private vocal lessons at the Seminary, sang during the chapel service.

Miss Marion Cox, contralto from South Bend, Indiana, will sing in Silverthorne hall on Thanksgiving night at 8 o'clock. Miss Cox, whose married name is Mrs. Frederick J. Bird, has a daughter, Doris, now attending the seminary.

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Mrs. Beattie Symonds of Highland avenue has returned to her home from the hospital, where she has been ill. She will close her home and go to Worcester for a stay with her daughter and husband about the 7th of December and after the holidays will go to Orlando, Fla., to spend the winter.

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 1/2 cup minced onion 1 tsp. marjoram
 1 cup chopped celery 1 tsp. thyme
 1 cup chopped apple 2 eggs
 1/2 lb. sausage meat 1/4 cup melted butter
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Moisten crumbs with water for 10 minutes and remove any excess liquid. Add the onion, celery, apple and sausage. Stir in spices and eggs well beaten. Add melted butter last.
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Raymond Wilder Fairman, 48, of Williamstown, Mass., formerly of Vernon, Vt., died Wednesday of last week in the North Adams hospital. The funeral was Saturday in Williamstown and the body was brought to Vernon for burial in the North cemetery. Mr. Fairman was born in Vernon, Dec. 23, 1890, a son of the late Henry and Hannah Fairman. He attended school in Vernon, and lived in town until a few years ago. He leaves his wife, Madeline (Grey) Fairman, two children by a former marriage, Madeline C. and Ralph F. Fairman; a step-daughter, Florence Grey, and a sister, Mrs. Lee Eldridge of Vernon.

Ernest W. Dunklee of South Vernon was reelected master of Winham County Pomona Grange at a meeting with Evening Star Grange in Dummerston Center, Vt., Thursday evening of last week.

Miss Gertrude Streeter, who has been ill at her home, is recovering, and is able to sit up each day.

Miss Myrtle Tenney, who has been assisting at Dunklee's store in Vernon while attending Brattleboro high school, has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tenney.

The construction work on Stockwell hill on the road to Brattleboro has been delayed by land slides, which endangered the railroad track above the highway.

Rev. Dr. F. L. Piper of Melvin Village, N. H., arrived Saturday to spend the winter at the Vernon Home. He is one of the leading clergymen of the Advent Christian denomination and formerly was editor of the World's Crisis.

It cost Charles E. Moody of South Vernon, \$25 and costs of \$7.80 in court at Brattleboro Tuesday for leaving the scene of an accident Sunday without stopping to give his name or license number when he was in an accident with a car driven by Francis Rec which was damaged, on Route 30 in South Vernon.

The P. T. A.'s of four Vernon schools and the ladies of the Union church will take part in the community fair at the Vernon Grange hall Friday evening, Nov. 24. The schools will have booths representing the four seasons, and the church ladies will have a farm scene. Cafeteria lunches, farm produce, fancy articles, candy, mystery articles, and sweet cider will be on sale at the booths. Two roosters have been donated for the sale. There will be an exhibit.

A card party was held at the Pond school Friday in charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scherlin. Prizes were won by Mrs. Wallace Clark and Ed Cooke; door prize by Mrs. Surprenant and consolation by out-of-town merchants. The schools will present a program at 8 p. m., dancing at 10, with prizes offered for the two most original and the two most ridiculous costumes. The proceeds will be shared by the four P. T. A.'s and the church society. Mrs. J. E. Dunklee and Mrs. Lee Hall are in charge of tickets and advertising.

Rev. A. C. Fuller of Brattleboro will be the speaker at the South Vernon church Sunday morning at 10:30 and Sunday school will be at 11:45. It is expected that Miss Mary Spooner, a missionary to Central America, will be the speaker at the evening service at 7. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday at 7 p. m. at the Vernon Home.

Mrs. Theodore Darby of Montville, Ct., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holton Friday and Saturday. Mr. Darby and Ted came for them Saturday.

L. L. Harris secured a 225 lb. buck in Vernon Tuesday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson has been named Rita Ann. She represents the fourth generation to be born in the C. I. Holton house, her father, her grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, and her great grandfather, the late C. I. Holton, having been born there.

Miss Elva Martineau was one of four students at Castleton Normal school to attend the New England Teachers' Preparation Association conference in Boston Friday.

Mrs. Frank Lackey is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. William Brunell in Vernon.

Philip and Marilyn Glazier have returned to Leverett after a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Hilliard.

Leroy Barnes won four prizes on his white leghorns at the Litchfield county poultry show at Unionville, Ct., last week. He took 1st and 2nd prizes on cockerel, 1st on hen and 1st on pullet. All the birds he exhibited won prizes.

The South School P. T. A. met Tuesday evening for a program of entertainment arranged by Mrs. Ruth Holton. Members of the Youth Hostel headquarters gave folk dances. David Elkinton showed movies. There was also tap dancing by Hazel and Stella Perry



and a solo by Mrs. Gertrude Gibson. A piano duet was rendered by Mrs. Mildred Dunklee and Alma Dunklee; a duet by Mrs. Gibson and E. W. Dunklee; vibrato music by Mrs. Bessie Dunklee, and violin solos by Peter Skib Jr., and Allie Skib. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Nelson Langua is visiting her daughter, Irene, in Boston.

At the South Vernon church Sunday evening, Miss Gertrude Murray gave a talk on the Ten Commandments, Miss Emma Murray read scripture, Jimmy Murray played the violin, and Courtland Dunklee was in charge.

Winston Churchill is having a vacation at his home from his work at the Northfield hotel farm.

Olivia Edson of New York City and her grandfather, James Long of Dracut are visiting at E. P. Edson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miner observed their 25th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Nov. 15. A number of their friends gathered to help them celebrate the occasion. Mrs. Carroll Perry made a wedding cake and Mr. and Mrs. Miner were given ten silver dollars. Readings were given by Mrs. Sprague and Herbert Post of Brattleboro and two vocal selections by Elizabeth Wing. The only one present who was at the wedding was Mrs. Mary Russell of Northfield.

A reception was given Sunday at Arthur Edson's for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bly, who were recently married.

Church Services

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10; At 11, the regular preaching service; the sermon subject will be "Soldiers of Christ." At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service. At 7, C. E. meeting. At 8, a continuation of study in prophecy; The Holy Book and the Holy Land.

Tuesday at 3 the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class, with Mrs. Colton. Leader, Mrs. Giebel.

Thursday at 7:30, special Thanksgiving service led by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble; special songs will be heard. At 7:45, C. E. Cottage prayer service.

The study of prophecy on Sunday evening will open a double series of talks on "The Holy Bible and the Holy Land." Who owns Palestine? The return from Exile. The Desert becoming a Garden. Moses predicted how Asher should dip his foot in oil, will be among the topics for Sunday next.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. Rev. Ellis Jones of the Vernon Union church will have charge of the entire service as Mrs. Conner is speaking in his church at the same time.

Plans are well under way for giving the annual Christmas pageant in the church the evening of Dec. 24. Those who wish to participate in this service of worship will communicate with Mrs. Conner.

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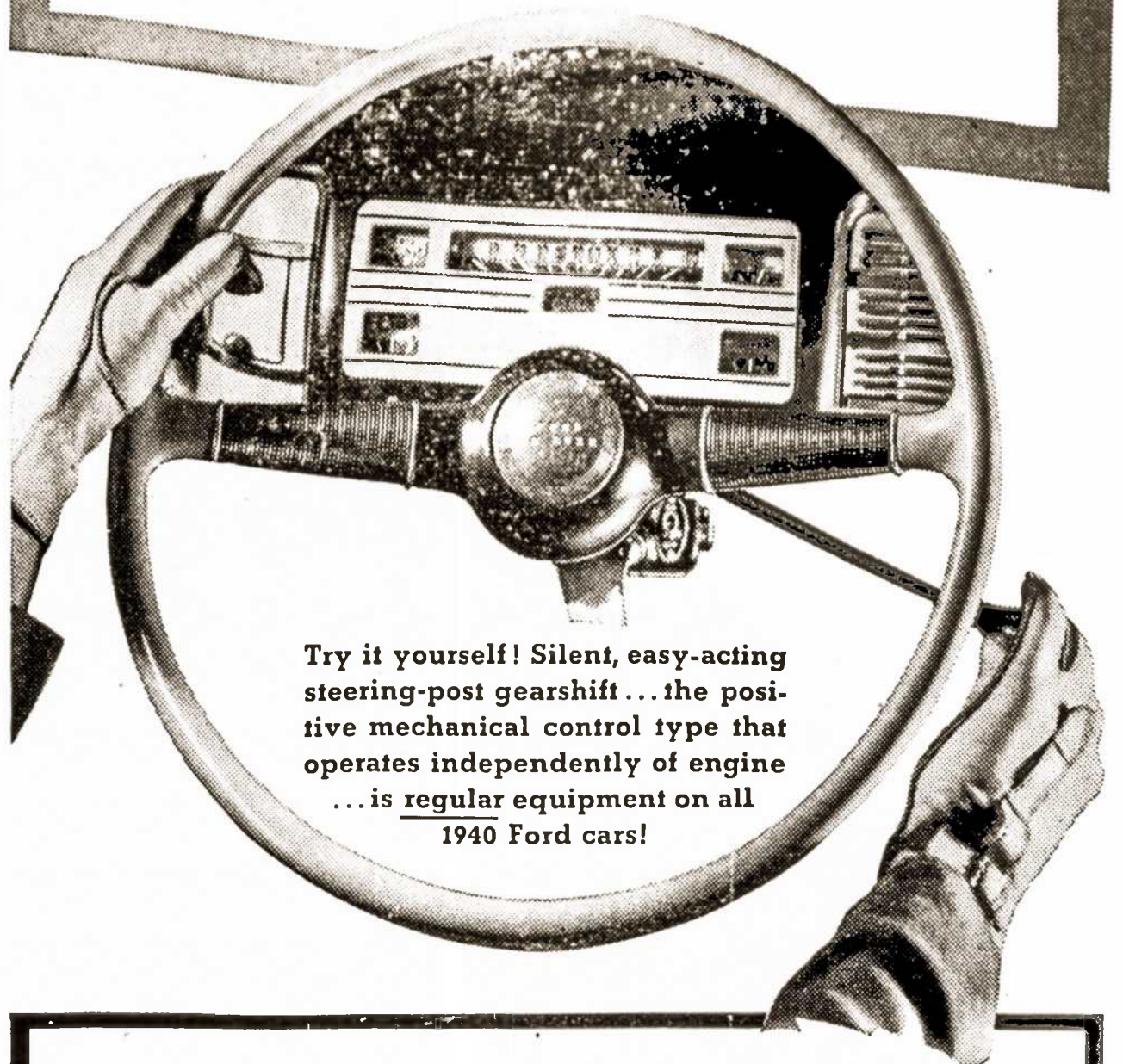
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EDITORIAL

The problem of the drunken driver and the speeding maniac on the highways with an automobile is a very real one. Much has been said about the matter and complaints are numerous. There have been campaigns of education on the rules and conduct of driving and in the cities pressure has been brought to bear through the enforcement of the law by the police. The many accidents, however, and the killing of pedestrians, by intoxicated drivers, prove that only drastic action must prevail, to curb the situation. Authorities should be given every encouragement and support in their effort to make the roads safe for motor travel by all.

Practically every state in the Union has received Federal grants of one sort or another and the people have been made to believe that the money was given to them by the government of the United States.

As a matter of fact the government has merely loaned the states quantities of money. The result is the big "national debt."

This national debt is the debt of the states, and the average for each and every state is now practically a billion dollars. That isn't very much for a rich state, but it is a pretty big burden to saddle on a sparsely settled and poor state—of which there are many.

A state government that thinks it is going to get out of paying the tax collectors "through the nose," is a good deal like the ostrich that burrows its head in the sand.

Up to rather recent years prospective buyers of automobiles have been inclined to defer buying until spring, the idea being to spare their new cars the wear imposed by winter driving. Today

the public has awakened to the fact that fall automobile buying is sound investment in cold weather motoring satisfaction.

One by one, the problems which made winter driving difficult have been overcome by the engineers. Better cooling systems in conjunction with improved anti-freeze solutions, better lubrication systems and better lubricants, more powerful starters, all-weather brakes, and any number of other advances have taken away the terrors of cold-weather operation. As a result, the very people who used to put off their buying until spring now advocate fall buying as a means of getting new engine, new battery, new brakes, to use through the period when driving conditions are less than ideal.

Know Massachusetts

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Do you know that . . . Cost of living in Massachusetts during October was about half of one per cent less than in September and practically the same as in October a year ago . . . The First Corps Cadets of Massachusetts are the oldest military organization in the United States in years of active, continuous service . . . Mary Lyon, who founded Mt. Holyoke college in 1836, was born in Buckland . . . Of every 100 people gainfully employed in Massachusetts, approximately 40 are engaged in manufacturing and other mechanical industries, 15 in retail and wholesale trade, 12 in clerical occupations, 11 in domestic and personal service, 9 in the professions, 7 in transportation, 3 in agriculture, forestry and fishing, and 3 in public service . . . Somerville Public Library has the original twelve lines of "Mary Had a Little Lamb," composed by John Roulstone about 1828, and also the account of the incident, in Mary Sawyer's own handwriting . . . An impressive mural in the State House commemorates the decoration by France of the 104th United States Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry, for valiant action at Apremont, the first military unit in American history to be decorated by a foreign government . . . The State Planning Board will move within the next few weeks to Rooms 204-9 in the State House.

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